



Township of Langley Mayor and Council

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September 5, 2016

As President of the Aldergrove Business Association and on behalf of our Board of Directors, this letter is to request Mayor and Council to conduct a Business Walk in the commercial core of Aldergrove during October 2016. October is Small Business month in BC. We have learned that Mayor and Council did a similar walk in Brookwood last year and are asking for your support to conduct one with us in Aldergrove this October.

As a business association, we are currently evaluating a future business model. The types of changes that our membership and our community want to see for Aldergrove businesses cannot be realized through our current structure. With the construction of the Aldergrove Recreation Centre, we can see that there is immense potential for a business strategy for the community that could revitalize and attract business to Aldergrove.

We believe that a business walk, coordinated by Township Economic Development staff, would help us to better understand the business climate in Aldergrove so that we can develop a robust business plan for our future.

As business and property owners, we unfortunately see businesses leaving Aldergrove too often and to the extent where vacancy has become too visible. This is having detrimental impacts on the local business economy and could do harm long term. Our town's business economy is not currently sustainable and we need your help.

We will not see a reduction in crime and poverty in Aldergrove, and stability and expansion of businesses, unless we take bold steps together.

We asked Township staff to attend our September 1 Board meeting, where they noted that community partners also were a part of the 2015 Brookwood Business Walk team. We feel confident that this can be achieved for a 2016 walk in Aldergrove.

Significant changes are needed for Aldergrove's business core and we are committed to be a part of making that happen. This letter is to request Mayor and Council's preliminary support by conducting a Business Walk in October 2016 in the business core, which can be coordinated by Township staff, and to continue to be a part of the much needed revitalization that Aldergrove needs.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Aldergrove Business Association, we look forward to hearing from Mayor and Council to bring a business walk together.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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